

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): composition comprising

plural peptides having an average chain length of from 3.0 to 5.0, free saccharides,
organic acids and polysaccharides, wherein:

said plural peptides comprise from

24 to 38 % by weight glutamic acid,

from 4 to 20 % by weight glycine,

from 5 to 10 % by weight aspartic acid,

from 4 to 9 % by weight proline and

from 4 to 8 % by weight serine

on the basis of the total weight of amino acids forming said peptides, and

said free saccharides have a saccharide composition comprising

from 2 to 6% by weight glucose,

from 0.5 to 5% by weight xylose and

from 0.5 to 3% by weight arabinose, and

said polysaccharides have a saccharide composition comprising

from 6 to 16% by weight glucose,

from 3 to 12% by weight xylose and

from 0.5 to 4% by weight Arabinose and

from 2 to 8% by weight of said organic acids

wherein said composition is formed by
subjecting barley shochu stillage, obtained by the production of shochu from barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) as a raw material, to solid-liquid separation to obtain a liquid fraction and
subjecting the liquid fraction as is obtained by said solid-liquid separation to a separation treatment by adsorption using a synthetic adsorbent, where unadsorbed product of said separation treatment is said composition.

2. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the total content of amino acids in the peptides is from 8 to 14% by weight on the basis of total weight of free amino acids and amino acids in said peptides.

3. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition further contains free amino acids and organic acids.

4. (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 3, wherein the composition contains

from 4 to 12% by weight of the free amino acids,

from 5 to 10% by weight of the free saccharides,

from 15 to 25% by weight of the polysaccharides and

from ~~[[2]]~~ 4 to 8% by weight of the organic acids

on the basis of the total weight of the unabsorbed fraction.

5. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a freeze-dried powder.

6. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is a pharmaceutical composition.

7. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic adsorbent is an aromatic synthetic adsorbent or a methacrylic synthetic adsorbent.

8-26. Cancelled.

27. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is capable of treating alcoholic fatty liver in a patient in need thereof.

28. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 4, wherein said free amino acids comprise from 20 to 28% proline, from 11 to 18% alanine, from 11 to 17% leucine, from 10 to 17% arginine and from 13 to 20% glutamic acid.

29. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition contains from 18 to 25% by weight said polysaccharides.

30. (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is capable of preventing the on-set of alcoholic fatty liver in a patient in need thereof.